

Application Serial No. 10/519,249
Reply to Office Action of September 21, 2005

PATENT
Docket: CU-4032

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The shortened statutory period for filing a response to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2005 ended on December 21, 2005. An amendment was filed on December 12, 2005 by fax.

A petition and fee to extend by one month was filed with the second amendment on January 6, 2006 by fax. In this third amendment, which is filed within the time allowed by the previously paid one-month extension in which to file a reply, only Claim 9 was amended to delete the terms "first" and "diameter".

Respectfully submitted,

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